

leave transfer for Federal employees who are adversely affected by disasters or emergencies.

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Tied Aid Credit Program Authorization: Senate passed S. 1309, to reauthorize the tied aid credit program of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and to allow the Export-Import Bank to conduct a demonstration project.

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Department of Defense Appropriations—Further Conference: The Senate agreed to a further conference with the House on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Mack, Shelby, Gregg, Hatfield, Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, and Harkin.

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Workforce Development Act—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of October 11, 1995, the Chair appointed conferees on H.R. 1617, to consolidate and reform workforce development and literacy programs, as follows: Senators Kassebaum, Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Ashcroft, Abraham, Gorton, Kennedy, Pell, Dodd, Simon, Harkin, Mikulski, and Wellstone.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report of deferrals of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–88).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Arthur L. Money, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—494)

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 20, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S15369.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, and John David Carlin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Dunn was introduced by Senator Leahy, and Mr. Carlin was introduced by Senator Kassebaum.

ROLE OF COUNCIL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings to examine the role of the Council of Environmental Quality in the decision-making and management processes of the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, and the U.S. Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1316, to revise and authorize funds for programs of the Safe Drinking Water Act, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Nebraska Governor E. Benjamin Nelson, Lincoln, and Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich, Columbus, both on behalf of the National Governors Association; Mayor Jeffrey N. Wennberg, Rutland, Vermont, on behalf of the National League of Cities and the National Association of Counties; Gurnie C. Gunter, Kansas City Department of Water Services, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Campaign for Safe and Affordable Drinking Water; Donald Satchwell, East Green

Acres irrigation District, Post Falls, Idaho, on behalf of the American Water Works Association; Dan Keil, Montana Rural Water Systems, Conrad, on behalf of the National Rural Water Association; David Ozonoff, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Richard J. Bull, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories, Richland, Washington; and William R. Mills, Jr., Orange County Water District, Orange County, California, on behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Finance: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

RUBY RIDGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information held

hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on proposals to revitalize American rural and urban communities, including provisions of S. 743, S. 1184, and S. 1252, receiving testimony from Senators Abraham, Lieberman, and Ashcroft; Jack Kemp, Empower America, Marc Bendick, Jr., Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants, Inc., and Paul S. Grogan, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.; Blair Forlaw, East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, St. Louis, Missouri; and Randall C. Gideon, KVG Gideon/Toal, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the American Institute of Architects.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2507–2514; and 2 private bills, H.R. 2515, 2516; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 240, were introduced. **Page H10484**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 239, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2492, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–283); and

H.R. 994, to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations, amended (H. Rept. 104–284, Part 1). **Pages H10464, H10484**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Medicare Preservation Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 731, the House passed H.R. 2425, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve and reform the medicare program. **Pages H10328–H10464**

Rejected the Gephardt motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that strikes language relating to the extension of Part B premiums (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 730). **Pages H10462–64**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule (text of H.R. 2485), as modified by the rule. **Page H10461**

Rejected the Gibbons amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to reduce medicare by \$90 billion over seven years, reduce Part A spending by an amount sufficient to extend the solvency of the Part A hospital trust fund to 2006, and reduce cost sharing by medicare beneficiaries by freezing the Part B premium for one year and providing that the monthly premium in succeeding years would be below the level under current law (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 yeas to 283 noes, Roll No. 729).

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